

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Water Resources (LA) Department – SUITS – Apex Court at New Delhi – IA (Revival Application) No.155785/2019 with MA No.2169/2019 in Contempt Petition (C) No.438/2019 in CA No.10036/2018(Akkem Mastan Reddy Vs. C. Aditya Nath Das and Batch) – Counter Affidavit filed by the Special Collector (LA), TGP, Nellore – Matters listed on 18.11.2019, 22.11.2019 and 09.12.2019 – Engagement of Sri R. Venkataramani, Senior Advocate by the then O/o AoR, New Delhi to appear before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in connection with sensitive and serious nature of the matter – Payment of legal fee (for Conferences on 17.11.2019, 21.11.2019 and 08.12.2019 and appearances on 18.11.2019, 22.11.2019 and 09.12.2019) for an amount of Rs.17,60,000/- to Sri R.Venkataramani, Senior Advocate and Sri G.Nageswara Reddy, the then Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi – Sanction – Accorded – orders – Issued.

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WATER RESOURCES (L.A.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.34

Dated:22-01-2024

Read the following:

1. IA (Revival Application) No.155785/2019 with MA No.2169/2019 in Contempt Petition (C) No.438/2019 in CA No.10036/2018(Akkem Mastan Reddy Vs. C. Aditya Nath Das and Batch) before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India order dated:04.11.2019.
2. Letter No.Nil, dated.04.11.2019 of Sri G.N. Reddy, the then Advocate on Records for GoAP., Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
3. Govt. Letter No.ICD01/22/2019-LA, Water Resources (LA) Department, Dated.13.11.2019 addressed to the Advocate on Record, AP Bhavan, New Delhi.
4. From Sri G.Nageswara Reddy, the then Advocate-on-Record, A.P. Bhavan, New Delhi 110001, letter, dated:09.12.2019.
5. G.O.Ms.No.288, Law (G) Department, dated.31.08.2023.

O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, the Appellants in Contempt Petition (C) No.438/2019 in CA No.10036/2018 viz., Sri Akkem Mastan Reddy and others have filed IA (**Revival Application**) No.155785/2019 with MA No.2169/2019 and the Hon'ble Apex Court on 04.11.2019 have observed that, *Learned counsel for petitioner (s) seeks revival of the contempt proceedings as the total amount of Rs.4.17 crores approximately has been remitted as against the admission in the reply to contempt petition where it was stated that the amount of Rs.9,73,55,006/- apart from further interest which could have accrued therein. As per the petitioner (s), out of the claim of over Rs.17 crores, at least the admitted amount should have been paid and remaining issue should have been examined by the Executing Court."*

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Sri G.N. Reddy, the then Advocate on Records for Government of A.P., Supreme Court of India, New Delhi has noticed that the above said matter will be listed on 18.11.2019 for hearing before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Having regard to the sensitive and serious nature of the matter (Contempt Petition), he intended to engage a suitable Senior Advocate to appear on behalf of the State of AP. Therefore, he has requested the Government to send necessary information to him in the matter at the earliest and also to depute concerned officer for the hearing date.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, Government have permitted the then Advocate on Record, New Delhi to engage a suitable Senior Advocate to appear on behalf of the State of A.P., in IA (Revival Application) No.155785/2019 with MA No.2169/2019 in Contempt Petition (C) No.438/2019 in CA No.10036/2018 (Akkem Mastan Reddy Vs. Aditya Nath Bas and Batch).

4. In the reference 4th read above, Sri G.Nageswara Reddy, the then advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi has forwarded the legal fee bills for payment to an amount of Rs.17,60,000/- (Rs.13,20,000/- in respect of Sri R.Venkataramani, Senior Advocate and Rs.4,40,000/- in respect of Sri G.Nageswara

Reddy, the then Advocate on Record) for conferences on 17.11.2019, 21.11.2019 and 08.12.2019 and appearances on 18.11.2019, 22.11.2019 and 09.12.2019 on behalf of the Respondent i.e., Sri C.Aditya Nath Das, IAS., Special Chief Secretary to Government of Andhra Pradesh in the said matter before Hon'ble Supreme Court.

5. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby sanction an amount of Rs.17,60,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Sixty Thousand only) to Sri R. Venkataramani, Senior Advocate and Sri G.Nageswara Reddy, the then Advocate on Record, New Delhi towards legal fee for conferences on 17.11.2019, 21.11.2019 and 08.12.2019 and appearances on 18.11.2019, 22.11.2019 and 09.12.2019 on behalf of the Respondent i.e., Sri C.Aditya Nath Das, IAS., the then Special Chief Secretary to Government before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in IA (Revival Application) No.155785/2019 with MA No.2169/2019 in Contempt Petition (C) No.438/2019 in CA No.10036/2018 (Akkem Mastan Reddy Vs. Aditya Nath Das and Batch). The expenditure shall be cleared by the Legal Cell of Resident Commissioner, A.P.Bhavan, New Delhi under the Head of Account namely Pleader Fees (DH/SDH 280/281) in terms of orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.288, Law (G) Department, dated.31.08.2023.

6. The Resident Commissioner, A.P. Bhavan, New Delhi shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

[BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH]

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Resident Commissioner, A.P. Bhavan, No.1, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.
The Advocate on Record for the State of Andhra Pradesh, A.P. Bhavan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.

Sri R.Venkataramani, Senior Advocate (through O/o. AoR for the state of A.P., A.P. Bhavan, New Delhi).

Sri G.Nageswara Reddy, the then Advocate-on-Record (through O/o AoR for the state of A.P., A.P., Bhavan, New Delhi).

The Pay and Accounts Officer, A.P. Bhavan, New Delhi.

Copy to:

The P.S. to Minister for WRD.

The P.S. to Prl.Secy. to Govt., WRD.

The Special Deputy Collector (L.A.), Rapur Unit, SPSR Nellore District.

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//Forwarded :: By Order//

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